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1. IN LIGHT OF POLICY DECISION SET FORTH PARA 1 OF REF B AND THE GROWING NEED TO DISSUADE NORTH VIET-NAM FROM STEPPING UP ITS OFFENSIVE ACTIVITIES IN SOUTH VIET-NAM, PRESENT MOMENT CALLS FOR STRENGTHENING, NOT WEAKENING, OF PACOM PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

2. WE BELIEVE IT IMPERATIVE THAT AT THIS CRITICAL JUNCTURE THE PSYOPS ACTIVITIES ENUMERATED IN PARA 4 OF REFTL BE CONTINUED. THEY CANNOT CONTINUE WITHOUT PACOM CONTRIBUTION AND SUPPORT SINCE USIA DOES NOT HAVE THE FINANCIAL AND MANPOWER RESOURCES NEEDED FOR OPERATIONS OF THE MAGNITUDE REQUIRED. FURTHERMORE, USIA'S LEGISLATIVE HISTORY IN THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS MAKES THE SUGGESTION

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THAT PACOM PSYOPS ACTIVITY BE ASSUMED BY USIA EXTREMELY UNREALISTIC.

3. PARA 4 REF A LISTS CERTAIN PSYOP MISSIONS AS BEING "IN SUPPORT OF AMERICAN EMBASSY". WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT FOR ALL CONCERNED TO UNDERSTAND THAT SUBJECT PSYOP OPERATION IS IN SUPPORT OF UNITED STATES POLICY OBJECTIVES IN INDOCHINA AND THAT ALL RELEVANT ELEMENTS OF THE AMERICAN MISSIONS IN INDOCHINA CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMON EFFORT.

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